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SC Libraries ... Tootin' Our Horn

As libraries in South Carolina enter the year 2000, it is appropriate to highlight some of the accomplishments of recent years. Possibly, the most recent significant library activity is DISCUS—South Carolina's Virtual Library. Funded by the General Assembly, every public library, academic library, and K-12 school now has instant access to a wide range of information, much of which is full text. Library users also have access to this information remotely from their homes or offices. Public libraries and their users have benefitted from the Budget and Control Board, Office of Information Resources' decision to provide Internet access for

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all public library sites. South Carolina was the first state to have all public library locations connected to the Internet. Public libraries also were the beneficiaries in 1999 of funding from the Gates Learning Initiative. Over \$4.3 million in hardware, donated software, and training was provided to South Carolina public libraries as a result of this program. State Aid for Public Libraries has increased from \$1.05 per capita with a minimum grant per county of \$15,000 in FY95 to \$1.86 per capita with a minimum grant of \$40,000 per county in FY00. Appropriation levels increased from \$3,671,028 to \$6,610,377. Efforts are currently underway to revise State Aid Regulations for the first time in 20 years. Congress replaced the 40+ year old Library Services and

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Construction Act with the Library Services and Technology Act, which enabled the State Library to develop the pilot year of DISCUS and to encourage those public libraries that were not automated to do so. The last decade of this century saw a tremendous boom in public library construction. Magnificent new headquarters buildings are in place in Charleston, Richland and Spartanburg Counties with Anderson and Greenville soon to follow. Construction of new facilities and renovations have taken place in twenty-four counties. The future looks bright for our libraries. Decision makers at local and state levels value libraries more than ever. As full partners in the First Steps to School Readiness program, public libraries and the State Library have a wonderful opportunity to make a difference in the lives of our children. Change has been the watchword in libraries during the last decade of the 20th Century. Access to information has never been more available. Libraries have embraced new technologies which will dramatically improve their abilities to provide service. While libraries are on the cutting edge of today's technology, it is safe to say that library users ten years from now will view today's access as primitive.

James B. Johnson, Jr.
Director, SC State Library

Cyberspace Democracy

The American Library Association (ALA) will launch a project to promote democracy in cyberspace with support from the Markle Foundation as part of a \$1 million initiative to educate and involve the general public in Internet governance issues.

"The American Library Association welcomes this investment by the Markle Foundation. Public libraries -- the most democratic of all institutions -- are the perfect venue for discussion, participation and education about the issues of Internet democracy," said ALA President Sarah Ann Long. "This grant places libraries and librarians at the heart of the key information age issues -- right where we belong."

The outreach project was announced November 2 at a meeting of the board of the Internet Corporation for Assigned Names and Numbers (ICANN), established last year by the U.S. Department of Commerce as a

private, self-governing institution to manage the addressing scheme that directs messages that flow through the Internet.

The first phase of the project will be in connection with the upcoming elections for at-large board members of ICANN. The election will be the first global public vote that directly affects the emerging "government" of cyberspace. Other participating organizations include the Carter Center, Common Cause, the Center for Democracy and Technology, and the Berkman Center for Internet and Society.

As part of the outreach project, "cybercitizens" (Internet users) will be encouraged to go to libraries to learn about ICANN, register as members and vote in the board elections at the library. ALA will create a Web site and work to involve public libraries in educating the public about democracy and governance in cyberspace.

News from **Around the State**

Anderson County Library

Recent appointments at the Anderson County Library include Pat Pace as the human resources librarian, Marybeth Evans as community resources coordinator, Jay Evatt as reference and interlibrary loan librarian, and Betsy Alexander as computer support technician.

Cherokee County Library

The new annex to the Cherokee County Library was recently dedicated to E. Raymond and Bright G. Parker. The Timken Foundation along with many companies and local citizens contributed to the addition and renovation.

Colleton County Library

Ground-breaking ceremonies for a 13,298 square foot addition to the headquarters of the Colleton County Memorial Library were held in November.

Georgetown County Library

The Georgetown County Library is one of three libraries from across the U.S. selected to participate in a program to develop a Family Place program promoting family literacy, health care, and access to social services. The library will share in a \$630,000 grant administered by Libraries for the Future.

Newberry County Library

Mrs. Tucker (Tucky) N. Taylor, Newberry County librarian, was named Newberry Business and Professional Women's Organization Career Woman of the Year on October 26, 1999, at a meeting concluding the organization's observance of National Business Women's Week.

South Carolina State Library

John H. Landrum, Deputy Director, was presented a Distinguished Service Award at the annual meeting of PALMCOP (Palmetto Archives, Libraries and Museums Council on Preservation) honoring more than a decade of work in helping to preserve the state's libraries, archives and museums' collections.

University of South Carolina

USC'S Library Annex and Conservation Facility opened for business in August. Located off Parklane Road near the State Department of Archives and History, the annex offers a state-of-the-art conservation facility and storage for infrequently used materials from USC's library collections.

General William Westmoreland, noted military leader of the Second World War, the Korean War, and the Vietnam War, has donated many of the papers and printed materials concerning his military career to the South Caroliniana Library.

In Memoriam

Mary F. Moore, a long-time supporter of the Cherokee County Library, recently passed away. She and her husband, Laurens, hosted 1,193 episodes of the "Stop, Look and /Read" radio program for twenty-four years. The program featured delightful book reviews, as well as announcements of upcoming library events.

Lila Ward Morley Smoak, who served as library director of the Colleton County Memorial Library from 1962-1986, died on November 10, 1999. During her tenure, the library experienced tremendous growth and was awarded a Dorothy Canfield Fisher Memorial Award. She also began the library's oral history collection which continues today.

Over 73,000 children participated in the summer reading program in 1999, a 14 percent increase over 1998. The percentage of children completing the program also increased. Circulation of children's materials over the summer months was 1.8 million. Ten libraries had summer reading programs for young adults and involved a total of over 1,400 preteens and teens.

1999 was the first year that reading medals were used statewide, and many librarians reported that receiving a medal provided a strong incentive to complete the program requirements. This was also the first year that the South Carolina State Library, with the help of LSTA funds, assumed all the costs of the program. This meant that libraries had more money to enhance summer reading with special programs and other activities.

Summer Reading '99 Breaks Record

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Increasingly, public libraries are involving preschool and school age children in summer child care programs in the summer reading program. Almost half the libraries in the state offered this option. Most of them package the program for the child care center, and the teachers run it and keep track of books read. This involvement helps get these children to the library and helps motivate the teachers to set aside daily time for reading.

Librarians in South Carolina believe that summer reading makes a difference even when it leaves them exhausted and relieved that it is over for another year. They particularly like the fact that it encourages reading for pleasure books children choose to read rather than books from a reading list. Some parents made the same point. Several libraries made comments that together sum up why summer reading is important for the children of South Carolina.

I believe it is a big factor in keeping children reading and visiting the library during the summer months. Some families would visit the library regardless of our efforts, some will not come if offered gold. The summer reading program encourages the middle group—those who need that extra incentive to visit.

Susan Sponaas, Greenville County Library

One little boy, a new patron, was given his reading log when he received his library card. He read avidly three hours each week...when I handed him his medal he exclaimed, "Wow! When can I start reading for next year."

Cynde Marsengill, Surfside Branch, Horry County Library

A mother of three boys related that the middle child was the most reluctant reader. "But the way you structured your program and involved him in setting his goals has made all the difference. Now he wants to read...and he wants to come to the library." Wow!

Harris Murray, Orangeburg County Library

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Oconee County Library Makes a Difference

A Library Services and Technology Act grant helped Oconee County Library address the needs of children in child care centers. During visits to child care centers, children's librarian, Sally Long, noticed that they had collections of videos, but no books and often not enough good toys.

Realizing that the staffs did not realize the importance of reading to children, Mrs. Long developed a program that would address this need. The project took a three-prong approach:



Courtesy of the *Keowee Courier*, Walhalla, S.C.

- It recruited volunteers to go to child care centers and read to children — from babies on up. This served to model reading.
- In cooperation with Sally Owen of the Parent's Center of the School District of Oconee County, the library provided training. They trained the volunteers to read effectively to children. The team also offered training sessions for child care workers on brain development of young children, using music with children, and developmentally appropriate practices.
- It provided the needed resources. Each participating center received a cassette player and children's music tapes. Each class received a core collection of books—board books for babies and toddlers and hardback picture books for children ages three to five. These are supplemented by refurbished storytime kits and books from the library.

During the grant year, groups of children were brought to visit the library, often for the first time. This practice is continuing. Centers that participated in the project and committed to read to children also received a banner to hang outside the center proclaiming, ***"We Read to Our Children Everyday!"***

Currently, the library has a volunteer who is recruiting and mentoring new volunteers to read to children. Child care centers are more aware of the library and realize that the library is supportive of them.

*In Oconee
County, "Libraries
Change Lives"
with the help of a
Library Services
and Technology
Act grant.*

A Library Card Is Your Ticket to Read

The South Carolina State Library and The South Carolina Association of School Librarians are co-sponsoring a campaign to encourage students to get library cards.

The A Library Card is Your TICKET TO READ campaign will initially be targeted at elementary school children and will be piloted in six counties—Fairfield, Kershaw, Lexington, Newberry, Richland, and Saluda—beginning in February, 2000. It is scheduled to be implemented statewide in September of 2000.

This campaign ties in with Governor Hodges belief that a library card is the most valuable possession a child can have as he stated in his 1999 State of the State address.

The colorful brochure and poster of green, yellow, red, and black point up the many good reasons every child should have a library card. It stresses that cards are free.

This campaign will mark the first time that the State Library and South Carolina Association of School Librarians have worked together on a project. Like public librarians, school library media specialists recognize the importance of students having access to resources for research and enjoyment during evenings, weekends, and school vacations as well as to supplement the resources of the school.

Technology Comes to Child Care Center Staff

Georgetown County Library has a long tradition of working closely with child care centers to be sure children are exposed to books and reading. With a recent LSTA project, the library expanded that commitment to help those caring for young children be able to utilize electronic resources to help children learn.

The library designed a series of training activities for child care staff. It purchased nine laptop computers to use in training child care staff in basic computer skills and the resources of the Internet. This allowed the library to take the training to each of its branch locations. The library offered workshops on computers and daycare along with sessions on topics such as selecting books and reading aloud, nutrition for kids and HIV/AIDS: What you Really Need to Know. Workshop leaders were drawn from library staff, Coastal Carolina University, the local public health district, Clemson Extension Service and a computer company.

The library has continued to schedule monthly training workshops. Offering the training has reinforced to child care center staff that the library is an important resource and an agency which cares about children's learning and development.

Darlington Goes Global

The Darlington County Library has established a “Sister Library” program with the Darlington, England Public Library. This is a new initiative of the American Library Association, and the Darlington Library is the first in South Carolina to reach an agreement with its sister library.

In his reply to our suggestion for a sister library agreement, Peter White, libraries manager for Darlington Borough Libraries, England stated, “We will be very happy to participate in your suggestion for an information sharing programme between our two libraries. We are enthusiastic and think both library services will gain from this contact.”

Both libraries have started the program by sharing basic statistical information, such as number of items in the collections, size and population of the county, number of staff, etc. It is also hoped that they will be able to exchange genealogical information, some children’s activities and Internet technology. Information will be primarily exchanged by e-mail. A web link to the city of Darlington, England, will be added to the Darlington Library (SC) web page so that interested patrons may find out more about this beautiful and historic town.

“A program of this type is only limited by the imagination, and we hope to take full advantage of this opportunity,” stated Darlington, SC library director Sue Rainey.

“Libraries build community, but today’s community is a global one. Many of today’s library users have immigrated from other countries. Many routinely travel for pleasure and conduct business abroad. Becoming a Sister Library is an opportunity to build relationships with libraries in other cultures that can help us learn, understand and better serve our own community.”

Sarah Ann Long, President
American Library Association

If you would like to know more about this program, visit the Darlington County Library or call Ray McBride at 843-398-4940.

FOSCL President 2000

Clyde T. McCants

Clyde T. McCants, new President of the Friends of South Carolina Libraries (FOSCL), is a native of Anderson, South Carolina, where he attended the public schools and graduated in 1950 from Anderson's Boys High School. Weekly trips to the old Anderson Public Library were a regular Saturday morning activity in his life.

After receiving his undergraduate degree from Erskine College and his M.A. from Duke University, he taught English for twelve years at Elon College, Erskine College, and Gaston Community College. He then entered Erskine Theological Seminary, where he earned the M. Div. in 1970. He had pastorates in Associate Reformed Presbyterian Churches in Virginia, North Carolina, and South Carolina, and also served in denominational administration and on the faculty at Erskine



Theological Seminary. In 1998, McCants retired as Pastor of the Bethel Associate Reformed Presbyterian Church in Winnsboro, South Carolina, where he still lives.

He has served as Secretary and President of the Friends of the Fairfield County Library. Currently, he is Chairman of the Fairfield County Library Board and the FOSCL representative on the Palmetto Book Alliance, South Carolina's affiliate of the Library of Congress Center for the Book.

His special joys are preaching, reading, music, and travel., Trips in recent years have taken him to Spain, Russia, the Czech Republic, Hungary, and Italy, and as soon as time and finances permit, he hopes to spend a few days in London.



Update

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Additional Databases for 2000

Because DISCUS is renewing the InfoTrac databases for January-December 2000, the Gale Group is generously adding two bonus databases at no additional charge.

Discovering Authors -- Most Studied Authors Edition:

Provides biographical and critical information on about 400 of the most-frequently studied authors. Targeted to middle school through high school, it will also be useful to 1st and 2nd year college students.

What Do I Read Next?:

Includes more than 80,000 recommended fiction and nonfiction titles for children, young adults, and adults. This reader's advisory database provides book descriptions, author information, and helps users find other books of interest.

Announcing DISCUS-L:

This discussion list is designed to facilitate communication about DISCUS among library staff in South Carolina public libraries, schools and colleges. The State Library will post announcements to this list about DISCUS and tips on how to use the various DISCUS databases.

To subscribe, send an email message to: listserv@listserv.scsl.state.sc.us

In the body of the message, type: **subscribe DISCUS-L firstname lastname (using your own name)**

Save the automatic response messages about the list for your future reference.

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March 8, 2000

South Carolina Library Legislative Day
Columbia

March 30 - April 1, 2000

SC Association of School Librarians
Annual Conference
Palmetto Expo Center, Greenville

April 15-16, 2000

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